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Acronym List

CRZ Contamination Reduction Zone EPA Environmental Protection Agency

ESAT Environmental Services Assistance Team

HEPA High Efficiency Particulate Air IDW Investigation-derived Wastes

MT-DEQ Montana Department of Environmental Quality

PPE Personal Protective Equipment

QA Quality Assurance QC Quality Control

R8 Region 8

SAP Sampling and Analysis Plan SOP Standard Operating Procedure SPF Sample Preparation Facility

SZ Support Zone

TAPE Troy Asbestos Property Evaluation

WZ Work Zone

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document serves as the soil preparation work plan for the Libby Asbestos Site OU7 (Troy). EPA Region 8's Environmental Services Assistance Team (ESAT) will process samples on-site at the Troy Sample Preparation Facility (SPF). This work place The purpose of this work plan is two fold. First, it is to provide guidance to ensure that all preparation procedures and measurements are scientifically sound and of known, acceptable, and documented quality. Second, this work plan outlines a laboratory monitoring program consisting of ambient air samples, personal air samples, and dust samples that will be implemented to determine potential exposure and crosscontamination. All requirements and activities described in the Troy Asbestos Property Evaluation (TAPE) Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) still apply.

The following sections and appendices are included in this work plan:

Section 1 - Introduction

Section 2 - Methods and Procedures

Section 3 - Quality Assurance/Quality Control

Appendix A - Quality Assurance Manager Checklist

Appendix B - Soil Sample Preparation Method
Appendix C - Packaging and Shipping of Environmental Samples

Appendix D - Sample Custody

Appendix E - Field Sample Data Sheet Appendix F - Chain-of-Custody Form

Appendix G - Record of Deviation/Request for Modification Form

Appendix H - Health and Safety Plan

1.1 Objective

Following are the objectives of this work plan:

• Prepare soil samples collected from locations within Operable Unit 7 for analysis.

Sample preparation procedures will include drying, sieving, splitting, and grinding. These procedures are designed to produce a sample with well-homogenized material of a relatively standard particle size for asbestos analysis.

• Ship prepared samples to appropriate analytical laboratories.

Sample shipping activities will include generating Chain of Custody (COC) documentation, labeling, packaging, and physically shipping samples to the appropriate analytical laboratory.

1.2 Project Overview, Schedule and Deliverables

Mobilization, set-up of the SPF, and training for Crew Leaders (Brewer, Calanni, McComb and Selle) will take place in Troy April 17 – 24, 2007.

Actual sample processing in the SPF will be performed by crews of 3. These crews will be staffed by employees of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and members of the EPA Region 8 Environmental Services Assistance Team (ESAT). Field crews will be deployed during the following periods of the 2007 field season:

- April 30 May 11 (Crew Leader: Calanni)
- June 4 June 15 (Crew Leader: McComb)
- July 9 July 20 (Crew Leader: Selle)
- August 20 August 30 (Crew Leader: Brewer)
- September 24 October 5 (Crew Leader: McComb)

During each deployment, a daily Quality Assurance (QA) checklist as provided in Appendix A will be completed. If any deficiencies are noted in a daily QA checklist, the EPA Region 8 ESAT Project Officer and MT-DEQ Project Manager will be notified and corrective action will then be determined by all parties. If the possible, the corrective action will be immediately implemented. If the corrective action cannot or is not immediately implemented, then an improvement plan will be issued. If the actions included in the improvement plan are not completed by the due date on the plan, the EPA Region 8 ESAT Project Officer and MT-DEQ Project Manager will try to resolve the issue. If the deficiency cannot be resolved within a week after the improvement plan due date, a corrective action will be taken.

In addition to the daily QA checklists, EPA/ESAT will deliver a Progress and Quality Assurance Report to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MT-DEQ) at the end of each deployment. These reports will include: 1) the number of samples that have been checked-in, prepared for analysis, and shipped to appropriate laboratories and 2) copies of all daily QA checklists generated during that deployment.

1.3 Sample Preparation Facility Location and Description

The Sample Preparation Facility (SPF) will be located in Troy, MT and will be housed in a former ambulance barn that is currently vacant. The SPF will consist of a Support Zone (SZ), Contamination Reduction Zone (CRZ), Work Zone (WZ), and Archival Zone (AZ). The Support Zone (SZ) will be accessible to individuals without personal protective equipment (PPE) and will include a designated sample storage area and a sample checkin / shipping counter. Adjacent to the SZ will be the Contamination Reduction Zone (CRZ). Donning and doffing of PPE will be performed in the CRZ as discussed in the health and safety plan (Appendix H). Adjacent to the CRZ is the Work Zone (WZ). No personnel will be admitted into the WZ without the appropriate PPE. The WZ will include a drying area (consisting of three ovens within a containment chamber) and a sample preparation area (consisting of two fume hoods with sample grinders and other equipment). The containment chamber and fume hoods will be under negative pressure and vented through high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter units designed to remove particles less than .3 microns in diameter. Adjacent to the CRZ will be the Archival Zone (AZ). The AZ will be a secure location designed for post-preparation sample archival. A schematic of the SPF is included in Figure 1.3-1.

2.0 METHODS AND PROCEDURES

The following is a list of activities that will be performed by EPA/ESAT personnel at the SPF:

- Sample receipt and check-in
- Sample archival
- Sample drying
- Sample splitting
- Sample sieving
- Fine sample grinding
- Sample packaging and shipping
- Preparation measurements
- Documentation
- Equipment decontamination

All sample preparation procedures will follow the Technical Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), Soil Sample Preparation, provided in Appendix B. The following subsections may also reference other EPA and/or ESAT SOPs. The procedures followed at the soil preparation facility are shown in Figure 2.0-1.

2.1 Sample Receipt and Check-in

MT-DEQ/TetraTech Field Personnel will store samples that are collected in the sample storage area located in the SPF's Support Zone (Figure 1.3-1). At the beginning of each sample preparation period, stored samples will be checked in to verify the sample identification labels match the data that was collected and uploaded to Scribe. If there are any discrepancies between the two, the EPA Region 8 ESAT Project Officer and MT-DEQ Project Manager will be notified, and the discrepancy will be corrected. The sample identification numbers of all of the samples (parent and quality control [QC]) will be entered into an electronic soil preparation tracking form and uploaded to the Scribe Sampling Project.

2.2 Sample Storage

All samples will be contained as directed in the Soil Sample Preparation SOP (Appendix B). Whenever the samples are not being processed, they will be stored in the plastic totes used by the Field Teams, the coolers used for sample shipping, or the plastic totes used for archival. All totes and coolers will be labeled with either an inventory batch number or other identifier that represents the samples contained within. The archive containers will be arranged in numerical order by inventory batch number for easy retrieval. Archive containers will be stored in a secure Archival Zone in the SPF (Figure 1.3-1). The samples do not require refrigeration but must be kept in an orderly, clean fashion.

2.3 Sample Drying, Splitting, Sieving, and Grinding

All samples will be dried, split, sieved, and ground in accordance with the Soil Sample Preparation SOP (Appendix B). The following is a chronological summary of the general protocol for these activities. First, the sample will be dried in an oven, then the sample

will be split and approximately half will be archived. The sub-sample NOT archived will again be split in half if a duplicate is required, and the duplicate aliquot will follow the same procedures as the original portion. If no duplicate is required, the total sample will be sieved, and the coarse fraction will be contained for analysis (with a suffix label of labeled "C" for coarse). The finer fraction will then be ground and split into four sub-samples (with a suffix of either labeled "FG1," "FG2," "FG3,", and "FG4""). Three of the subsamples will be archived and the subsample labeled "FG1" will be sent for analysis. If further analyses are required for the fine ground portion, the subsequent aliquot will be sent (i.e., FG2, then FG3, etc.).

2.4 Sample Packaging and Shipping

All samples will be packaged and shipped in accordance with the Packaging and Shipping of Environmental Samples SOP (Appendix C). Custody will also be tracked by following the Sample Custody SOP (Appendix D) with COC forms being created in Scribe.

2.5 Soil Preparation Measurements

The only measurement data collected by EPA/ESAT personnel related to soil samples are oven temperatures and samples masses. The oven temperatures and the sample masses will be collected and recorded on the sample preparation form as indicated in the Soil Preparation SOP (Appendix B). Measurement data requirements related to for laboratory environmental and health and safety exposure monitoring are included in the Health and Safety Plan for this project (Appendix H).

2.6 Documentation

All activities will be documented as required in the Sample Preparation SOP (Appendix B). Additional required QA/QC documentation is described in Section 3.0.

2.7 Equipment Decontamination

All equipment will be decontaminated prior to use in accordance with the Sample Preparation SOP (Appendix B). This decontamination will be conducted after and/or before each sample is in direct contact with any piece of equipment.

2.8 Investigation-Derived Waste Containment

Investigation-derived waste (IDW) consists of PPE, (i.e., tyvek and respirator filters), HEPA filters (i.e., hood and vacuum), and decontamination waste (i.e., excess sample and silica sand vacuumed from the hood and around the SPF during decontamination). The PPE and filters will be collected after each use and stored in plastic bags (e.g., trash bags) until disposal. The decontamination waste will be stored in lidded buckets until disposal. All IDW will be double-contained and disposed of as municipal waste.

3.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL

This section details the internal QA/QC samples, equipment calibration, QA/QC checks, audits/corrective actions, and training requirements.

3.1 Quality Assurance/Quality Control Samples

Two types of QA/QC samples will be collected during the preparation process: preparation duplicates and preparation blank samples, each of which will be discussed below.

3.1.1 Preparation Duplicate Samples

Preparation duplicate samples are splits of samples submitted for sample preparation after drying but prior to sieving. These samples serve to evaluate the precision of both the sample preparation process and the laboratory analysis. One preparation duplicate sample will be processed for every 20 field samples prepared. The preparation duplicate samples are given sample identification numbers provided by sample coordination personnel. For each preparation duplicate prepared, a field sample data sheet (FSDS) (Appendix E) is completed as detailed in the TAPE SAP.

3.1.2 Preparation Blank Samples

Preparation blank samples are prepared to determine if decontamination procedures of laboratory equipment used to prepare asbestos samples are adequate to prevent crosscontamination of samples during sample preparation. The preparation blank consists of clean quartz sand. At least one preparation blank will be processed with each batch of field samples. A batch of samples is a group of samples that have been prepared together for analysis at the same time (approximately 120). The preparation blank samples are given sample identification numbers provided by sample coordination personnel. For each preparation blank prepared, an FSDS (Appendix E) is completed as detailed in the TAPE SAP.

3.2 Equipment Calibration

Instrumentation requiring calibration or routine function checks include sample grinders, drying ovens, ventilation hood (HEPA filter and velocity), HEPA vacuum, and the analytical balance. Table 3.2-1 summarizes the calibration procedures, frequency, and location of documentation for each piece of equipment. The following sections include a detailed description of each of the calibration procedures.

3.2.1 Grinder Calibration

The vertical plate grinder will be calibrated every day it is used and every time the disk depth is adjusted to verify target particle size. Approximately 50 to 100 grams (g) of clean quartz sand are processed through the grinder. The ground sand is then passed through a 60-mesh and a 200-mesh sieve. Calibration is successful when all of the ground sand passes through the 60-mesh sieve and some portion of the ground sand is retained on the 200-mesh sieve. Grinder calibration is documented in the SPF logbook and on the grinder calibration and maintenance log (Soil Preparation SOP, Appendix B).

3.2.2 Drying Oven Calibration/Check

The drying oven calibration is checked once per week by setting the temperature control to 90° C and letting the oven come up to the set temperature. A thermometer is placed in the oven and the temperature is recorded. The acceptable criteria is +/- 1° C. If the calibration fails, repairs are made to the oven until recalibration of the oven is in

agreement with acceptable criteria. All oven calibration will be documented in the SPF logbook and on the oven temperature calibration and maintenance log (Soil Preparation SOP, Appendix B).

3.2.3 Ventilation Hood Operating Condition Verification

Two calibration checks will be conducted on the ventilation hood. One will be a check of the hood's HEPA filter, and the second will be a check of the negative flow velocity.

The ventilation hood HEPA filter has an indicator light located on the front panel that identifies whether the filter needs to be changed. This panel will be checked daily to ensure that the HEPA filter is operating correctly. If the filter change light is on, the filter will be changed before any operations proceed in the hood. All ventilation hood operating condition verification checks and maintenance will be documented in the SPF logbook and the ventilation hood operating condition verification and maintenance log (Soil Preparation SOP, Appendix B).

The velocity of the negative flow HEPA hood will be checked with a flow meter/anemometer daily. The minimum allowable velocity in the negative flow HEPA hood will be 100 feet per minute. A line will be drawn on the hood sash frame indicating the sash location where the minimum velocity is observed. The sash will not be opened further than this point, and during grinding operations, the sash will be lowered to increase the flow velocity.

3.2.4 HEPA Vacuum Filter Check

The HEPA vacuum used to decontaminate the grinder, splitter, sieves, pans, and other decontamination areas will be checked daily for correct operations. Replacement of either the bag or filter will be performed in the hood. All vacuum checks and maintenance will be documented in the SPF logbook and the vacuum maintenance log (Soil Preparation SOP, Appendix B).

3.2.5 Analytical Balance Calibration Check

The calibration of the balance used to weigh samples will be checked daily. Class-S weights will be used to verify the internal calibration at 0.1g, 1g, 10g, and 100g. Tolerance limits for the calibration check are +/- 0.1 g. If the balance fails the calibration check, the balance will be re-calibrated. All analytical balance calibration checks and maintenance will be documented in the SPF logbook and the analytical balance calibration and maintenance log (Soil Preparation SOP, Appendix B).

3.3 Laboratory Housekeeping

The following housekeeping measures will be put in place to help ensure a safe and clean working environment. These measures are discussed further within Attachment 1 of the SPF HASP (Appendix H).

• The walls and counter top of the negative flow HEPA hood will be wet wiped and HEPA vacuumed after the completion of each day.

- Sticky mats will be placed in the doorways of the Work Zone, Contamination Reduction Zone, Support Zone and the Archival Zone to reduce the volume of material brought into the laboratory from the outside. Additionally, sticky mats will reduce the potential to track materials throughout the laboratory.
- Areas of sample handling and preparation, including floors, will be HEPA vacuumed and wet wiped at the end of each day.
- The sample drying ovens will be HEPA vacuumed and wet wiped after each batch of samples.

3.4 Quality Assurance/Quality Control Checks

A series of QA/QC checks will be used to ensure data are accurate and recorded according to the procedures of this Work Plan, the Soil Sample Preparation SOP, and eLASTIC SOP.

3.4.1 Sample Receipt and Check-In

At the beginning of each sample preparation period, stored samples will be checked in by two different people to verify the sample identification labels match the data that was collected and uploaded to Scribe. If there are any discrepancies, the EPA Region 8 ESAT Project Officer and MT-DEQ Project Manager will be notified, and the discrepancy will be corrected.

3.4.2 Sample Drying and Sieving

Once each day an EPA/ESAT member other than the sample preparer must check the sample preparation form to ensure all entries are complete and correct. The reviewer will initial and date the sample preparation forms after review. If any entries are not complete or correct, the person originally filling out the form will correct the form and then be retrained so that future mistakes are not made.

3.4.3 Sample Packaging and Shipping

For every sample shipment from the SPF, a second person will check the prepared COC form against the shipment contents to ensure all samples in the shipment appear on the COC form (and vise versa), all sample labels (both inside and outside bags) are correct, and there are no duplicate or missing labels. The reviewer will initial and date the COC forms after review. If there are any discrepancies, the person who originally packaged the cooler for shipment will be retrained so as to reduce the potential for future mistakes.

3.4.4 Sample Preparation Facility Calibration and Maintenance

A second person, other than the person that performed the equipment calibration and/or maintenance, must check the calibration and/or maintenance log sheets at some point during the daily operations to ensure the logs and calibration procedures were completed. The reviewer will initial and date the log sheets after review. If it is noted that the logsheets or calibration procedures have not been completed, the person who originally

conducted the calibration will be retrained so that the logbooks and calibration procedures will be completed and correct in the future.

3.4.5 Documentation

This section describes the QA/QC of SPF documentation and procedures for making corrections to the SPF documentation.

Logbooks

Details regarding each sample preparation step will be recorded in the laboratory logbook in accordance with the Sample Preparation SOP (Appendix B). The log is an accounting of activities and will duly note problems or deviations from the governing plans and observations relating to the soil preparation activities. Information that is already recorded in log sheets (i.e., grinder calibration log, ventilation hood log, etc.) does not need to be duplicated in the log book, however daily activities performed should be included. Upon issuance of a logbook, the logbook will be given a document control number. Logbook pages will be copied at the end of each sample preparation period and turned over to the EPA. Upon completion of the logbook, it will be relinquished to the EPA. Details about what information should be recorded in the logbook are included in the above SOP. A person other than the one who completed the entries will check logbook entries at the end of each day. The logbook checks will ensure all relevant information has been recorded. If any logbook entries are incorrect or incomplete, the person originally entering the information into the logbook will be retrained so that future logbook entries are complete and correct.

Chain of Custody Requirements

COC procedures will follow the requirements stated in the Sample Custody SOP (Appendix D). The COC record is used as physical evidence of sample custody and control. This record system provides the means to identify, track, and monitor each individual sample from the point of collection through final data reporting. A complete COC record is required to accompany each shipment of samples. Upon receipt and prior to the shipment of samples, the COC should be checked against the contents of the cooler as detailed above. An example of the COC used at the SPF is provided in Appendix F.

Electronic Troy Asbestos Sample Tracking Information Center

The Scribe database will be used to track various pieces of information during the sample preparation process. EPA/ESAT personnel other than the person who completed the data entry will check 100% percent of the data entered into Scribe on a weekly basis.

Forms

FSDS, preparation log sheets, and calibration and maintenance logs must be completed in accordance with the Soil Sample Preparation SOP (Appendix B). When these sheets have been completed, ESAT personnel, other than the person who completed the sheet, will check to ensure the data are accurate and complete as detailed above.

Sample Labeling

As described in the Soil Sample Preparation SOP (Appendix B), suffixes are added to sample identification numbers to indicate bulk fraction, coarse fraction, fine fraction, fine, ground fraction, and the archived portion of each of these fractions. Table 3.4-1 presents the suffix identification codes and descriptions.

In addition to labeling individual samples, storage boxes are also labeled as described in the Sample Preparation SOP (Appendix B). Prior to shipment, if a sample is shipped immediately after preparation, or prior to storage of a sample, EPA/ESAT personnel will check each sample aliquot to determine if the suffix of the sample identification number corresponds to the sample appearance. The reviewer will initial and date the label after review. If it has been identified that a portion of the sample does not correlate with the aliquot associated with the label, the label will be corrected. It will also be determined why this discrepancy occurred and actions will be taken so that it will not happen in the future.

Correction to and Deviations from Documentation

For the logbook modifications, a single strikeout initial and date is required for documentation changes. The correct information should be entered in close proximity to the erroneous entry. These procedures will also be followed for corrections to any form (FSDS, log sheets, and COCs). All deviations from the guidance documents will be recorded in the logbooks and the Libby Asbestos Project Record of Deviation/Request for Modification Form (MOD) (Appendix G). All MOD forms are to be completed, approved and recorded following the Approval of the MT-DEQ Project Manager and the EPA ESAT Project Officer.

3.4.6 Quality Assurance/Quality Control Check Corrective Actions

Immediate actions will be taken to correct any findings during the daily QA/QC checks, if applicable. If immediate action is not applicable, an implementation plan must be completed and approved by the ESAT Project Officer, EPA, and MT-DEQ. If corrective action is immediate, the action will be documented in the SPF logbook, and the ESAT Project Officer, EPA, and MT-DEQ will be notified of the corrective action within 3 days.

3.5 Audits and Corrective Actions

An internal audit will be performed during the initial implementation of this Work Plan. If findings of this audit show the procedures of this Work Plan are not being implemented (i.e., many deficiencies are identified), an additional audit may be conducted within one week of the initial audit. An additional audit will be performed when samples are being prepared on a large scale (i.e., during full-time operation of the SPF for preparation and full-time analysis). If significant procedural changes occur during the study, additional field audits may be conducted to ensure the new methods are implemented and followed appropriately. Audit reports will be completed following each audit and will be provided to EPA, upon request. Response actions may be implemented to correct quality problems

as detailed above. All corrective actions will be documented in accordance with this Work Plan.

3.6 Training Requirements

Personnel performing sample preparation activities must have read and understood this Work Plan, the SPF health and safety plan, and all associated SOPs. In addition, personnel must have completed 40-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hazardous waste operations training and annual updates, as required. Additional training may be identified prior to project implementation and will be administered prior to any individual beginning work at the SPF.

Tables

Table 3.2-1 Calibration Summary Table

Instrument	Frequency	Where Documented
Grinder	Daily or every time plate depth is adjusted	Grinder calibration and maintenance log
Drying Oven	Weekly	Oven temperature calibration and maintenance log
Ventilation Hood	Daily	Ventilation hood log
HEPA Vacuum	As needed	Vacuum maintenance log
Analytical Balance	Daily	Balance maintenance log

Table 3.4-1 Suffix Identification Codes and Description

Code	Description	
С	Coarse - sample fraction that does not pass through a 1/4 - inch sieve	
В	Bulk - sample fraction that passes through a 3/8-inch sieve, but is not ground	
F	Fine - sample fraction that passes through a 1/4 -inch sieve	
FG	Fine Ground - sample fraction that passes through a 1/4 - inch sieve and is ground to approximateley 250 um	
FGS	Fine Ground Sieve- sample fraction that passes through a 3/8 -inch sieve and is ground to approximately 250 um	
ACA	Archive Coarse - the archived portion of the coarse fraction	
ABA	Archive Bulk - the archived portion of the bulk fraction	
AFA	Archive Fine - the archived portion of the fine fraction	
AFGA	Archive Fine Ground - the archived portion of the fine ground fraction	
AFGS	Archive Fine Ground Sample - the archived portion of the fine ground sample fraction	

Figures

Figure 1.3-1 Sample Preparation Facility Layout

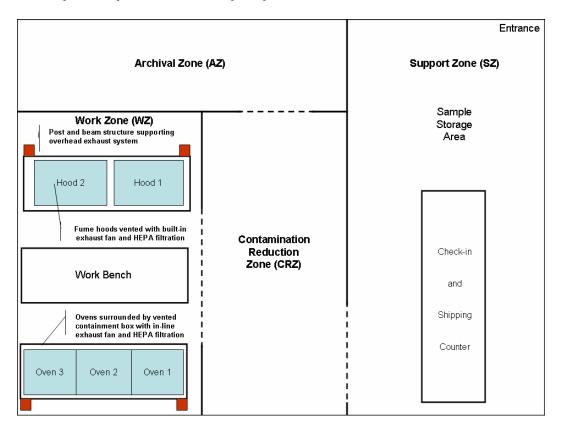


Figure 2.0-1 Soil Sample Preparation Work Flow

